



Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office

Operations Directorate — Fact Sheet

Personnel Recovery Response Cell

ISSUE: DoD Instruction 2310.3, “Personnel Recovery Response Cell (PRRC) Procedures”

BACKGROUND: In accordance with DoD Directive 2310.2, the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy approved DoD Instruction 2310.3 on June 6, 1997. It provides procedures for the PRRC. During a personnel recovery incident, the PRRC will provide expeditious, coordinated policy options to the Secretary of Defense.

DISCUSSION: DoD Instruction 2310.3 tasks ASD(ISA) with the following:

- “Direct DASD(POW/Missing Personnel Affairs) to activate and provide leadership to the PRRC,” and
- “Exercise the PRRC periodically to ensure procedures are current and coordination channels are functional.”

The PRRC is composed of representatives from the following offices:

DPMO	ASD for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict
The appropriate regional desk officer of ASD(ISA)	ASD for Public Affairs
ASD for International Security Policy (when appropriate)	OSD General Counsel
USD for Personnel and Readiness	CIA
ASD for Command, Control, and Communications and Intelligence	DIA
	Joint Staff J3
	Department of State

In the event of a personnel recovery incident, the Executive Support Center (ESC) will notify the Director of Operations, DPMO, of the incident. He will then report to the ESC to assess the situation to determine whether to recommend to the DASD (POW/Missing Personnel Affairs) that we convene the PRRC. If the Combatant Commander is clearly resolving the incident, there will be no need to convene the PRRC. If, however, incident resolution exceeds the capabilities of the commander in the field, or the situation is uncertain, we will convene the PRRC to access policy options for the Secretary of Defense.

The USD(P) signed the original DoDI 2310.3 in June 1997. Since that time, there have been significant changes in the personnel recovery function. As such, we are staffing the original DoDI 2310.3 for review and possible change.